



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### MEMORANDUM

TO: D.P.U. 14-140 Distribution List

FROM: Jeffrey M. Leupold, Hearing Officer

RE: Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market,  
D.P.U. 14-140 -- Proposed Shopping for Competitive Supply Website Rules

DATE: May 4, 2015

CC: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

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On December 11, 2014, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") issued its Order in Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market, D.P.U. 14-140 (2014). One of the initiatives proposed by the Department was the development of a "shopping for competitive supply" website ("Website"). D.P.U. 14-140, at 1, 3-5. The Department conducted technical sessions regarding the Website on January 7, 2015, February 4, 2015, and March 24, 2015. See D.P.U. 14-140, Hearing Officer Memoranda, December 19, 2014, January 9, 2015, and February 24, 2015. In addition, the Department convened working group meetings via teleconference on March 5, 2015, and April 6, 2015. See D.P.U. 14-140, Hearing Officer Memoranda, March 4, 2015, and April 3, 2015.

Based on discussions held during these meetings, the Department has drafted proposed rules that will apply to the Website (attached hereto). The Department invites stakeholders to submit written comments on the proposed rules. Stakeholders that seek to submit comments must do so by the **close of business (5:00 p.m.) on May 15, 2015**. After reviewing the comments, the Department will determine the appropriate next steps before finalizing the Website rules (e.g., technical session, further comment, no additional action).

The Department will hold a fourth technical session in this proceeding on **May 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** The Hearing Officer will distribute an agenda<sup>1</sup> for the technical session in advance. The technical session will be held at the Department's Office, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Leupold at [jeffrey.leupold@state.ma.us](mailto:jeffrey.leupold@state.ma.us) or at 617-305-3684.

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<sup>1</sup> Topics of discussion may include: (1) revisions to the information disclosure label; (2) customer assignment rules and reporting requirements; (3) listing of renewable attribute products on the Website; and (4) Website-related issues raised in the comments referenced above (as necessary).